



**Mental Health & Recovery Board
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Mental Health Matters **YES** on Issue 5

Keep a Good Thing Going!

Greene County Mental Health & Recovery Levy Fact Sheet for Issue 5

Election Date:

November 3, 2009

The Mental Health & Recovery Levy is **ISSUE 5** on all Greene County ballots.

Important Levy Facts:

- **NO NEW TAXES!**
- This is a 1.5 mil **RENEWAL** levy and it **WILL NOT INCREASE** your taxes.
- Greene County levy dollars are spent **ONLY** on Greene County residents.
- This levy will allow us to continue to support families with mental health issues.
- Any decrease in funding will result in a decrease in services for people with mental health problems.

Key Messages:

Funding for Greene County mental health and recovery services has been cut by the state by over \$1 million; failure of the Mental Health levy will result in close to 40% in cuts and further reduction of local services.

- Mental health and alcohol/drug services were provided to at least **10,000 Greene County residents and their families** last year
- In the past eight years, the number of Greene County children and youth who accessed mental health and alcohol/drug services has more than doubled
- In the past eight years, the number of people who accessed mental health services in Greene County increased by 120%
- In the past eight years, the number of Greene County residents who accessed alcohol/drug services increased by about 170%

Every dollar lost curtails services to Greene County residents with mental illness.

How the Levy Helps Greene County:

This levy funds treatment and supportive services including:

- Crisis response services
- Suicide prevention
- Integrated Youth Services
- Medication for youth and adults
- Drug and alcohol services for youth
- Help for the homeless
- Christopher House
- Counseling for youth, adults, and families
- School-based mental health in all districts
- TCN Behavioral Health Services
- Women's Recovery Center
- Aid to law enforcement and courts

For Information, Assistance or to Contribute to the Levy Campaign:

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— A Parent in Beavercreek

“I had a nervous breakdown in 2002. For 7 years I had severe panic attacks every other day. I’ve learned that change doesn’t come all at once. I now have a part-time job and the ability to even speak in public without a panic attack.”

— A Man from Jamestown

“I got addicted to narcotics after back surgery. I pushed everyone away, friends and family both. I found recovery at Creekside and TCN Behavioral Health Services. I’ve reunited with my family and even written my congressman about how effective treatment is.”

— A Single Mom in Xenia

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— A Parent from Bellbrook

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— Former High School Drop-out from Fairborn

HOW YOU CAN HELP PASS THE GREENE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LEVY:

- Place a **YARD SIGN** to show your support for mental health
- Encourage your **FRIENDS** and **FAMILY** to vote YES for the mental health levy, Issue 5
- Pass out this **FACT SHEET** to your friends and family
- **REGISTER** to vote by October 5th and help others **VOTE EARLY**
- **DRIVE OTHERS** to the polls from October 5th through November 3rd

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